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New Haven Connecticut

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Office of the President

November 8, 1950.

General Walter B. Smith, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency,  
Washington, D.C.

*Noted by DCI  
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Dear General Smith:

I very much appreciate your taking the trouble to write me about Sherman Kent. We hate to part with him, but, realizing his value to you and the critical importance of the duties to which you are assigning him, I think it is the very least we can do to help. Please be sure of my earnest desire to co-operate with you in every possible way.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ A. Whitney Griswold

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2 November 1950

Dr. A. Whitney Griswold  
President  
Yale University  
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Griswold:

I wish to express my deep appreciation to you and through you to the members of the corporation of Yale College for the generous and patriotic action of the University in granting leave of absence to Dr. Sherman Kent for a period of service with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Aware of Dr. Kent's great importance as an historian and educator and the value of his services to Yale University, I was most reluctant to exert the pressure which I put upon him to return to intelligence work. However, at this critical time, it is literally impossible to exaggerate the importance of intelligence to the security of this country. Under these circumstances, I know you will understand my action in pressing Dr. Kent into this service and the depth of my appreciation of his willingness to serve and of Yale University's permission that he do so.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely,

/s/

WALTER B. SMITH  
Director

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Jackson

For your information.

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